Kallada Irrigation Programme

2721. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from the Competent Authority of Kerala to include Kallada Irrigation Programme under restructured Command Area Development Water Management Programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kallada Irrigation Project was considered for inclusion under the Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) Programme in XVI meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Sanctioning Committee held on 21.4.2006. This Committee decided that State Government would submit revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) furnishing areas already covered under the World Bank Project and areas proposed to be covered under the CADWM Programme. State Government has not yet submitted the revised DPR.

Completion of irrigation projects

2722. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were 494 approved and unapproved ongoing irrigation projects at the beginning of Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, whether these comprised 173 major, 235 medium and 86 extention, renovation and modernization (ERM) spilled over from previous Plan;

(c) whether currently there are 452 ongoing irrigation projects of which 157 are major, 212 medium and 83 ERM;

(d) if so, whether huge cost and time overruns have become a characteristic feature of irrigation projects; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take to complete these projects in the Eleventh Plan?